GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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USE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are implementing the programme to increase rural connectivity in all the parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of specific conditions that are to be fulfilled for a village to be eligible for funds under the Rural Connectivity Programme;

(c) whether the conditions are too stringent for proper utilisation of such funds;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to make any changes in the existing conditions of the Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) seeks to provide connectivity, by way of good All-weather Roads to all Unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons by the end of the Tenth Plan Period. The Unconnected Habitation should also be located at a distance of at least 500 metres or more from an All-weather road or a connected Village/ Habitation.

2. State Governments have not reported any difficulty in proper utilisation of funds on account of the criteria mentioned above.